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In re Application of)
Murakawa et al.)
Serial No. 07/402,450) Examiner: M. Escallon
Filed: September 1, 1989) Group Art Unit: 1814
For: METHOD FOR AMPLIFICATION)
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Amendment and Request for Interference Under 37 C.F.R. 1.607

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter and consider the new claims submitted below for purposes of determining whether the subject matter claimed in U.S. patent no. 5,476,774 (the "774 patent") issued on December 19, 1995 to Wang et al. interferes with the subject matter claimed in the present application. Accordingly, Applicants hereby request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.607, that an interference be declared between the above-identified application and the '774 patent. The information required under 37 C.F.R. 1.607(a) is set forth under headings which correspond to the subsections of 1.607 to facilitate consideration by the Examiner. Please charge any payment or fee associated with this filing to Deposit Account No. 02-2135. An extra copy of this amendment is enclosed for these purposes.